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Headteacher's Newsletter

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General information:

Wrap around care bookings

If you require a place in our breakfast and after school club please make sure that you have booked a place in advance as places are limited! Places need to be booked by a Thursday to secure a place for the following week. You can make block bookings.

Support for families during February half term

Families of school-age children who are eligible for income-based Free School Meals will receive a £20 voucher per eligible child to help with the costs of food, utilities and other winter essentials. The vouchers will be sent out to coincide with the half term school holiday.

Families do not need to do anything to apply and will automatically receive a voucher for any child where there is a current income-based free schools meals claim.

Where the council hold an email address for families, vouchers will be issued using the PayPoint system and vouchers will be sent direct from PayPoint to the primary email address for the family. All vouchers will be sent by Friday 13th Feb and must be redeemed within 3 weeks of issue.

Where they do not hold an email an Aldi Supermarket voucher will be posted, subject to receipt of vouchers from Aldi these will be sent out on Friday 13th Feb in the first class post. Any problems please call the council's Coronavirus Helpline on 0161 217 6046.



Happy Half Term Break!

So here we are at the end of the first half term of 2021. We have all had to adapt to so many changes in such a short space of time. However we have all been impressed by the way that the children at home and the children in school have rose to the challenge. I would like thank you and our dedicated staff so much for your hard work and support. I hope that all of our Outwood family gets to have some rest and relaxation over the week away from remote learning!

Science Week

This week we have been celebrating Science Week. Our theme this year is 'Inspire to Aspire' The children have been focusing on amazing scientists who have changed the world with their inspirational work and who come from a range of scientific fields and from across different centuries of history. They have enjoyed learning how the attitude of the scientists reflect our Acorn Values too. Please have a look at some examples of what the children have been doing below.

Safer Internet Day



It's more important than ever that we think about internet safety. With many of our children using the internet for remote learning and to connect with friends we need to make sure that we safeguard our children. Please read the attached newsletter from the local authority which has lots of tips about how to keep our children safe online.

Outwood's Twitter Page

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our website to see what exciting events are happening. You'll find us at [@OutwoodPriSch](https://twitter.com/Outwoodprisch)



Book Spot!

As part of our World book Day celebrations we are really excited to be taking part in Heald Green's book spot event. After the half term break the children will designing their favourite book covers to display at home and school. All the local primary schools are taking part so it really will be a community event.

Fairtrade Fortnight



It's that time of year again when we celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. However in these unusual times it is going to look different this year. The theme this year is 'Choose the world you want'. And from 22nd February the children will be doing lots of exciting activities in school and we will also be taking part in Fairtrade's online festival. We are also inviting all children to take part in our online Fairtrade bake off on Friday 26th February. Further details will be sent out soon.

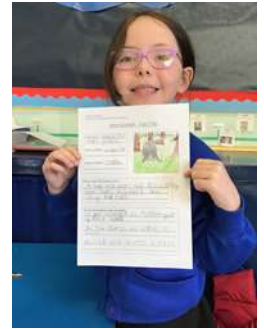
Just some of the learning that took place in Science Week...

The children in Year 1 have been learning about Mary Anning the famous paleontologist and have been making their own fossils.



In EYFS the children have been learning about Sir David Attenborough and how he has inspired us to take care of our planet.

In Year 2 the children have enjoyed finding out about the famous primatologist and anthropologist Jane Goodall. She is considered to be the world's expert on chimpanzees!



Yesterday in Year 3 the children got to virtually meet some real scientists from Oxford University. They talked about who inspired them as part of their work about vaccines and scientist Edward Jenner.

Yesterday in Year 4 the children have been learning about George Washington Carver the agricultural scientist who was nicknamed the 'Plant Doctor'.



The children in Year 5 have really enjoyed learning about the famous scientist Steven Hawking and his work about the universe.

The children in Year 6 children have learned lots about Steve Jobs the founder of Apple and the what components are needed to make a computer.

